

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-18, 20-31 and 33-36 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner in the outstanding Action has allowed claims 1-5, 8-18, 20-26, 31 and 33-36 for which the undersigned is appreciative. These claims remain unchanged.

Claims 27-30 were rejected.

Interview Summary

In a phone interview on October 10, 2006, the rejection of claim 27 was discussed by Examiner Carl Whitehead and Attorney Peter Gallagher. It was proposed that claim 27 be amended to be limited to a NAND flash memory, and it was submitted that this would make claim 27 allowable on a similar basis as earlier allowance of claims 10 and 18. Examiner Whitehead indicated that such an amendment appeared to put claim 27 in condition for allowance consistent with allowance of other claims.

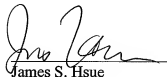
Amendment

Claim 27 is amended to recite forming "NAND strings of flash memory cells" as discussed in the phone interview. Thus, claim 27 is believed to be allowable. Claims 28-30 depend from claim 27 and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks contained herein, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance and an indication of their allowance is requested. However, if the Examiner is aware of any additional matters that should be discussed, a call to the undersigned attorney at: (415) 318-1160 would be appreciated.

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